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Pennsylvania Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, May 11, 2010 -- Based on May 1 conditions, Pennsylvania's 2010 production of winter wheat is expected to be 8 percent below 2009. Final total tobacco production figures for 2009 were up 6 percent from 2008. May 1 hay stocks are estimated to be down 3 percent from a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Winter wheat harvested acreage is forecast at 155,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year. Based on the condition of the crop as of May 1, yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from last year's final yield. This results in a production of 8,990,000 bushels, compared to the 2009 final production of 9,800,000 bushels.

Total tobacco production for Pennsylvania was 18,660,000 pounds in 2009. Southern Maryland type acres harvested were 2,100 with an average yield per acre of 2,300 pounds and a production of 4,830,000 pounds. Pennsylvania Seedleaf type acres harvested were 2,000 with an average yield of 2,200 pounds per acre and production of 4,400,000 pounds. The total value of this seedleaf tobacco crop was set at \$7.48 million. Light air-cured Burley tobacco acres harvested were 4,100 with an average yield per acre of 2,300 pounds and a resulting production of 9,430,000 pounds valued at \$16 million.

Hay stocks on Pennsylvania farms as of May 1 totaled 680,000 tons, compared to 700,000 tons last May 1, and 500,000 tons May 1, 2008.

U.S. winter wheat production for 2009 is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2009. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 31.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.9 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Revised U.S. tobacco production for 2009 totaled 823 million pounds, down slightly from the January preliminary estimate, but 3 percent above 2008. Harvested area is estimated at 354,240 acres, up slightly from the January preliminary estimate, but down slightly from the previous year's estimate.

All hay stored on U.S. farms May 1, 2010 totaled 20.9 million tons, down 5 percent from the previous year. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2009 to May 1, 2010 totaled 86.3 million tons, compared with 81.6 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

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